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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles - Arrest Made in Breach of County Election Worker Data

(U) Los Angeles County prosecutors have accused the CEO of a small Michigan software company of compromising the personal information of hundreds of county elections employees. Eugene Yu, 51, was arrested after prosecutors alleged, he improperly stored the information on servers in China, according to Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón. Yu, who is the chief executive officer of a company named Konnech. Los Angeles County awarded Konnech a contract in 2020 to store employee payroll and scheduling data using its PollChief software, according to Gascón. Under the five-year contract valued at nearly \$3 million, Konnech was not supposed to store information outside the US, Gascón said

SOURCE: 4 October 2022, Los Angeles Times

(U) Oakland - State Building Evacuated After 'Suspicious Package' Found

(U) The California State Building at 1515 Clay Street in downtown Oakland was evacuated after a suspicious package was received, California Highway Patrol (CHP) has confirmed. "The CHP is responding to a report of a suspicious package at the state building," a CHP spokesperson said. "Out of an abundance of caution, the building has been evacuated. We do not believe there is any risk to anyone outside of the building. Resources from the CHP and allied agencies are already on scene." CHP later stated that no explosive device was located, and people were allowed back inside.

SOURCE: 4 October 2022, KRON4

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Detainee Killed in Border Patrol Shooting at Ysleta Station

(U) El Paso – A detainee was fatally shot by the US Border Patrol after a possible confrontation at the Ysleta Border Patrol Station in far East El Paso, officials said. The Mexican Consulate in El Paso said in a statement that the man who died was a Mexican citizen who was being processed on criminal charges. Due to the ongoing investigation, Border Patrol spokesman Agent Carlos Rivera said he could not confirm information posted on social media claiming that the detainee was shot after allegedly reaching for an agent's gun.

SOURCE: 4 October 2022, El Paso Times

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – Canadian Man Gets 20-Years for Ransomware Scheme

(U) Tampa – A federal judge sentenced a Canadian man to 20-years in prison for his role in a ransomware scheme that netted him \$21 million and caused an estimated \$40 million in losses worldwide. Sebastien Vachon-Desjardins, 34, who was extradited earlier this year from Quebec, where he formerly worked in information technology for the Canadian government. He became affiliated with a Russia-based group that operated a brand of ransomware known as NetWalker. Data lifted through ransomware attacks was published on a website dubbed the "NetWalker Blog."

SOURCE: 4 October 2022, Tampa Bay Times

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(U) Pennsylvania – Teen Sought in Ambush Outside School That Killed One, Hurt Four

(U) Philadelphia – Police are seeking a 16-year-old youth in last week's ambush shooting outside a Philadelphia high school that killed a 14-year-old and wounded four other teenagers after a football scrimmage. Police said that the 16-year-old is wanted on active arrest warrants for a charge of murder and multiple counts of attempted murder as well as criminal conspiracy, theft, obstructing justice, evidence-tampering and firearms offenses. The 27 September shooting drew national attention around the US amid a stream of mass shootings that have become chillingly commonplace amid the nation's staggering murder rate.

SOURCE: 4 October 2022, AP News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Ecuador - At Least 15 Killed in Prison Riot

(U) Latacunga – At least 15 prisoners died in the latest unrest inside Ecuador's prison system, officials in the South American country reported. The agency that manages Ecuador's prisons, SNAI, gave the death toll in a statement which said 21 others were injured in the clashes between inmates. It had earlier announced that tactical units conducted operations to regain control of the facility, located in the Ecuadoran city of Latacunga.

SOURCE: 4 October 2022, CBS News

(U) Liberia – Two Arrested After \$100 Million in Cocaine Seized

(U) Monrovia – Liberian authorities acting on US security intelligence have arrested two foreigners and are searching for two more suspected of trying to smuggle \$100 million of cocaine seized in the West African country, officials said. Authorities are still searching for two other people, Brazilian and Portuguese nationals, who are still on the run, a spokesman for the Liberia Drug Enforcement Agency said. Officials have said that 1,146-pounds of cocaine were concealed in a huge consignment of frozen poultry products that had been delivered to a cold storage facility near Monrovia's seaport. SOURCE: 4 October 2022, ABC News

(U) Pakistan – Two Pakistani Soldiers, Seven Militants Killed in Attacks

(U) Peshawar – Militants with small arms attacked a convoy of Pakistani security forces near the northwest border with Afghanistan, triggering an intense shootout that killed two soldiers and three insurgents, the military said. The firefight happened near Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The military provided no further details, and the identities of the slain insurgents were not known. Separately, in an overnight raid, troops killed four militants in Tank, a northwestern town that also borders Afghanistan, the military said. It provided no further details.

SOURCE: 4 October 2022, ABC News

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